

The Future of the Nation's Aquatic Resources: *Recommendations for the Next Administration*

The American Fisheries Society is coordinating a discussion about our freshwater and marine aquatic resources. Our goal is to work with public and private partners to develop recommendations on aquatic resources science, management, policy, and education for the next presidential administration. Your input is crucial to our success, and is encouraged throughout this process.



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Overview

Our nation will elect a new president this fall, with new leadership cascading throughout the executive branch:

- National Marine Fisheries Service
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- General Accountability Office
- Natural Resource Conservation Service

“The Future of the Nation’s Aquatic Resources” will include a set of key science, management, and policy recommendations to provide to the next administration.



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Other organizations have developed similar products:



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Issue/Topic Areas that may be covered by recommendations

- Habitat protection, restoration, and mitigation
- Conservation of fish stocks through sustainable management
- Aquatic invasive species
- Aquaculture research and management
- Budgets and staffing
- Citizen science/participation and transparency
- Technological innovations for fisheries management
- Climate Change
- Ecosystem-Based Management
- Drought/Resilient Systems



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Collaborative Effort

- This is not just an AFS effort.

AFS has taken the lead in the beginning, but is looking for multiple organizations to participate and lead.



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How Can You and Your Organization/Agency Become Involved?

- Attend future discussion meetings or convene your own
- Provide comments and recommendations on content, packaging our messages, level of detail, tips to develop consensus, and more
- Provide specific comments and recommendations for each topic presented
- Share your recent publications on strategic plans, priorities, etc.



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Timeline for the Project



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Your Suggestions are Invited

- Please share your ideas for recommendations, groups to contact, events to attend, report formats, etc.
- And remember AFS is seeking partners to help coordinate this effort.
- Email Tom Bigford (tbigford@fisheries.org) and Taylor Pool (tpool@fisheries.org) at AFS. Or call 301/897-8616.

Thanks for attending!



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